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I STRONGLY disagree with the alternative you are presenting. I am a diver and I am also a fisher . My husband and I enjoy going to Monterey to scuba dive. I personally know of three people who have been hooked either on their head or their arms by fisherman when they have dived at Breakwater in Monterey. In one case, the fisherman purposely aimed at the diver. The fishermen have the entire coast to fish from; however, divers can only access to a few key places from shore. Breakwater is the key area for new divers learning to dive. They have no choice but to be close to the pier. I really believe that the current version of the MLPA will mean that altercations between the divers and the fishermen will escalate.

As a fisherwoman, I respect the public's need to have areas to fish from shore or boats, but I also believe that the divers should have equal rights to areas where they are protected from serious physical harm.

Divers provide a large amount of revenue to the Monterey/Carmel area by way of hotels, meals, purchasing equipment from the local dive shops, etc. Please give some additional consideration to my comments before you finalize the document.

Respectfully submitted,

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